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**Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation WASHINGTON COUNTY Real Property Data Search** 

Go Back View Map New Search **Ground Rent** 

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**Account Identifier:** 

District - 07 Account Number - 011881

**Owner Information** 

**Owner Name:** 

CLAGETT VIRGINIA P ET AL

Use:

**AGRICULTURAL** 

**Principal Residence:** 

NO

**Mailing Address:** 

P O BOX 1 WEST RIVER MD 20778 **Deed Reference:** 

1) / 1469/ 746

2) / 1395/ 94

**Location & Structure Information** 

**Premises Address** 

Zoning

**Legal Description** 

11310 MAPLEVILLE ROAD SMITHSBURG 21783

**Sub District** 

186.81 ACRES 1 MILE SOUTH CAVETOWN

MD RT 66

Map Grid **Parcel** 51 9 98

Subdivision

Block

Lot Group

80

Plat No: Plat Ref:

**Special Tax Areas** 

Town **Ad Valorem** Tax Class

**Primary Structure Built** 

**Enclosed Area** 4,054 SF

**Property Land Area** 186.81 AC

**County Use** 

1810 **Stories** 

**Basement** 

Type

Exterior

2

YES

STANDARD UNIT

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#### **Value Information**

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	01/01/2004	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
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Land: 141,430 143,930 Improvements: 211,050 256,440 Total:

352,480 400,370 65,830 65,830 352,480 65,830

Date:

PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE

**Transfer Information** 

CLAGETT VIRGINIA P ET AL Seller:

Preferential Land:

Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH

Seller: PARKER WILLIAM MERRICK ET AL & **NOT ARMS-LENGTH** 

Seller: PARKER WILLIAM MERRICK & Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH

Date: 01/21/1999 / 1469/ 746 Deed1:

368,443

65,830

01/15/1997

/ 1395/ 94

Price: \$0 Deed2: / 1395/ 94

Price: \$0

Deed2: / 1315/ 971

\$0

Deed1: Date: 12/27/1996 Price: Deed1: / 1312/ 997 Deed2:

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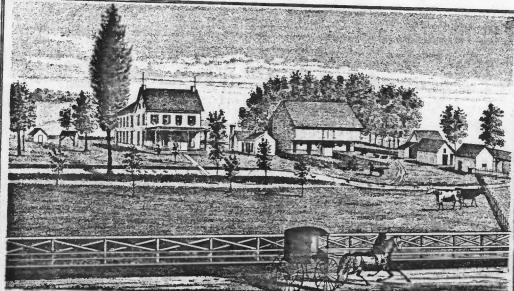
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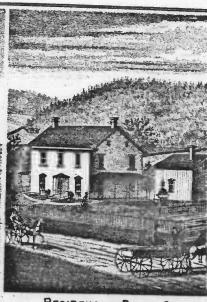
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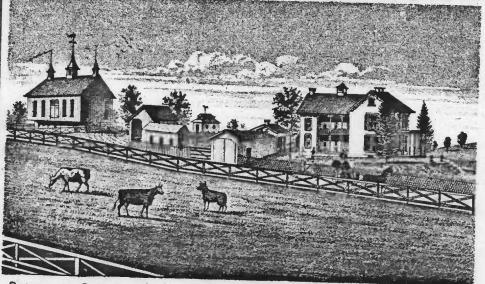
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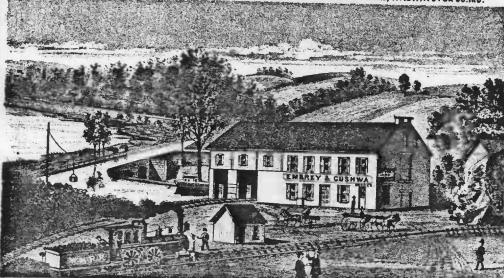
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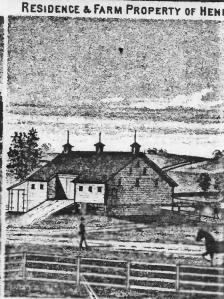


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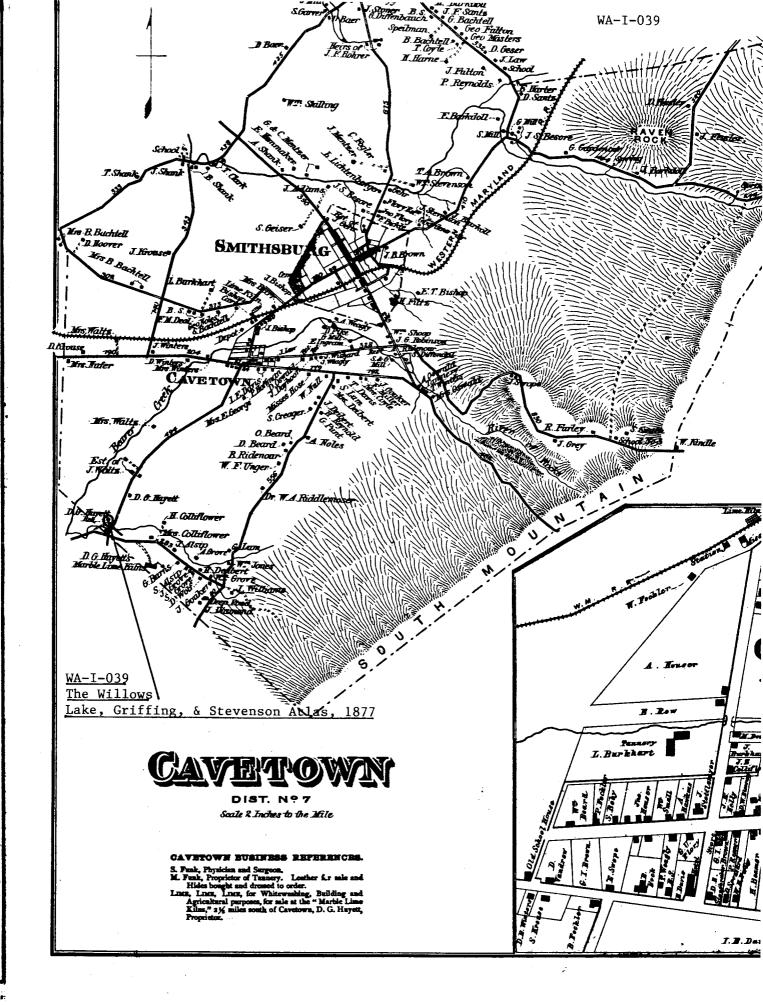


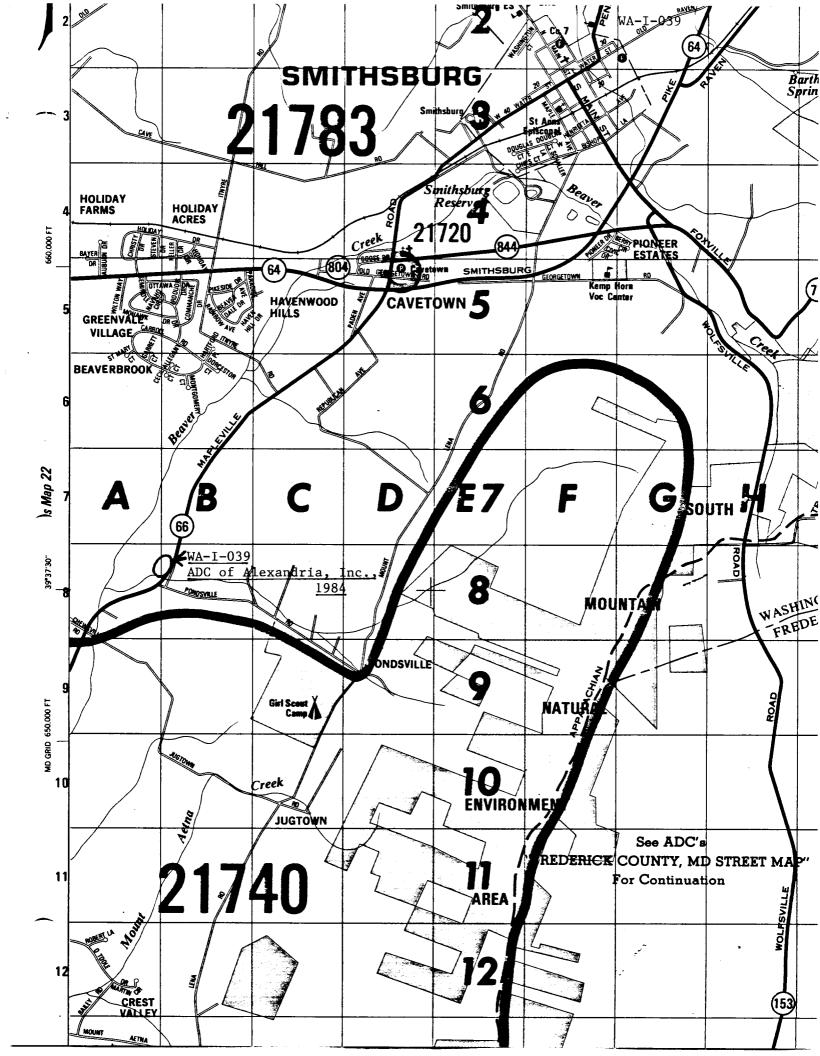


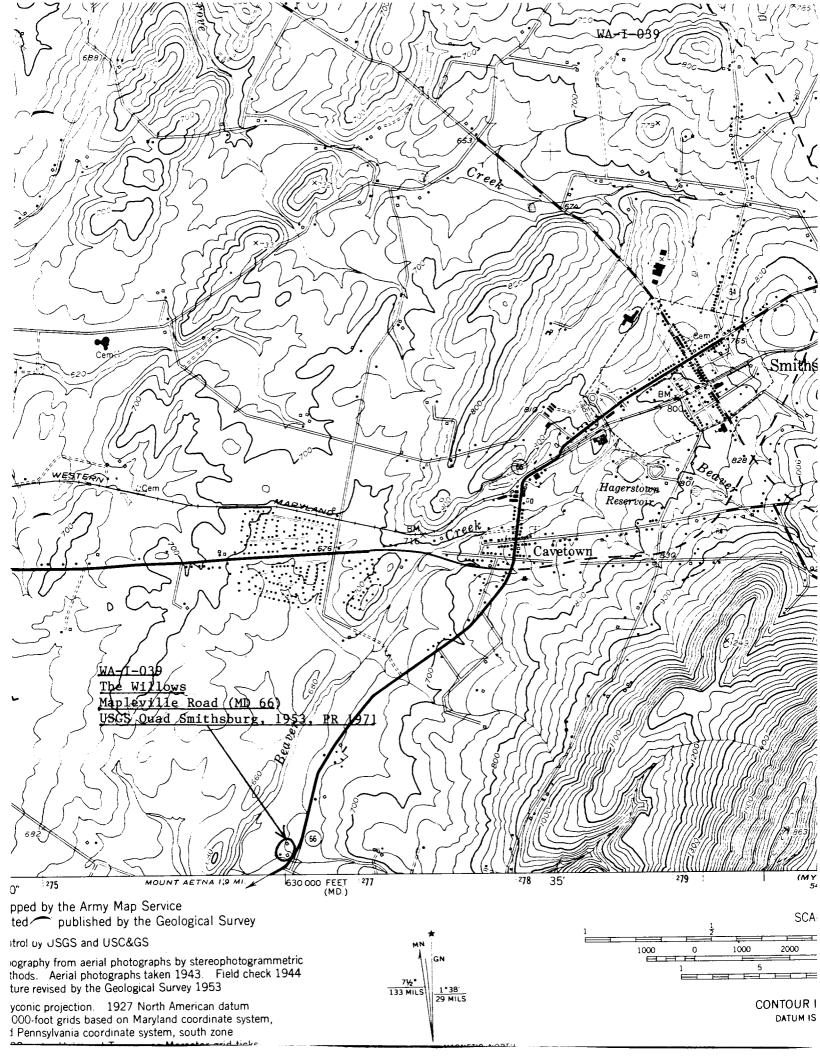
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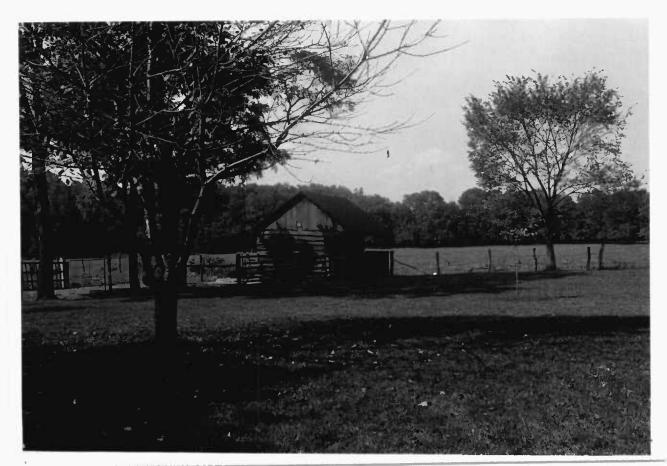




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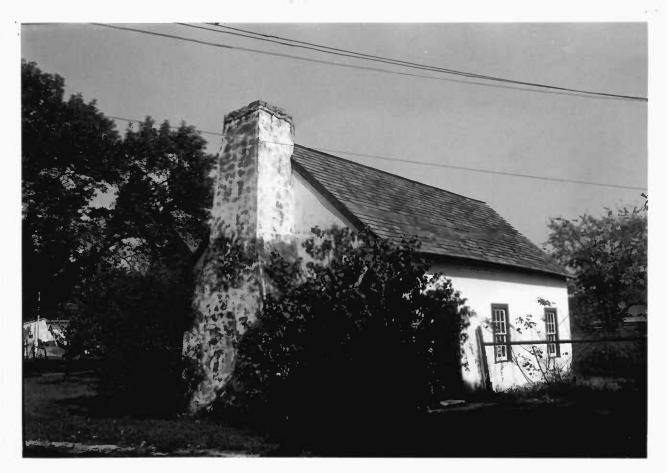
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